

# LIE ALGEBRAS WITH GENERALIZED ASSOCIATIVE STRUCTURES

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**ABSTRACT.** We investigate Lie algebras whose Lie bracket is also associative or cubic associative. This allows the characterization of a class of nilpotent Lie algebras with a given nilindex. We generalize the notion of associativity considering  $f$ -associativity, notion closed to the notion of Hom- $(f)$ -associativity.

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## 1. ASSOCIATIVE LIE MULTIPLICATION

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra over a field of characteristic 0. If we denote by  $[X, Y]$  the Lie bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , it satisfies the following identities

$$\begin{cases} [X, Y] = -[Y, X], \\ [[X, Y], Z] + [[Y, Z], X] + [[Z, X], Y] = 0 \quad (\text{Jacobi Identity}), \end{cases}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . We assume moreover that the Lie bracket is also an associative product, that is, it satisfies

$$[[X, Y], Z] = [X, [Y, Z]],$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . The Jacobi Identity therefore implies

$$[[Z, X], Y] = 0.$$

**Proposition 1.** *The Lie bracket of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is an associative product if and only if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a two-step nilpotent Lie algebra.*

In fact, the relation  $[[Z, X], Y] = 0$  means that  $[[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}], \mathfrak{g}] = \mathcal{C}^2(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$  where  $\mathcal{C}^i(\mathfrak{g})$  denotes the ideals of the descending central sequence of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The converse is obvious.

We know the classification of complex two-step nilpotent Lie algebras up to the dimension 7. In the following our notation and terminology will be based on [5]

Any two-step nilpotent complex non abelian and indecomposable Lie algebra of dimension less than 7 is isomorphic to one of the following algebras:

- (1) For the dimensions less than or equal to 3:
  - $\mathfrak{n}_3^1 = \mathfrak{h}_3$  :  $[X_1, X_2] = X_3$ .
- (2) In dimension 5:
  - $\mathfrak{n}_5^5$  :  $[X_1, X_2] = X_3$ ,  $[X_1, X_4] = X_5$ ;
  - $\mathfrak{n}_5^6$  = the Heisenberg algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_2$  :  $[X_1, X_2] = X_3$ ,  $[X_4, X_5] = X_3$ .
- (3) In dimension 6:
  - $\mathfrak{n}_6^{19}$  :  $[X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 2, 4$ ,  $[X_2, X_6] = X_5$ ;
  - $\mathfrak{n}_6^{20}$  :  $[X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 2, 4$ ,  $[X_2, X_4] = X_6$ .
- (4) In dimension 7:

- $\mathbf{n}_7^{120} : [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, i = 2, 4, 6, [X_2, X_4] = X_7;$
- $\mathbf{n}_7^{121} : [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, i = 2, 4, 6;$
- $\mathbf{n}_7^{122} : [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, i = 2, 4, 6, [X_4, X_6] = X_7;$
- $\mathbf{n}_7^{123} : [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, i = 2, 4, 6, [X_2, X_4] = X_5, [X_4, X_6] = X_3;$
- $\mathbf{n}_7^{124} : [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, i = 2, 4, [X_6, X_7] = X_5, [X_4, X_7] = X_3;$
- $\mathbf{n}_7^{134} : [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, i = 2, 4, [X_6, X_7] = X_5;$
- $\mathbf{n}_7^{126} : [X_1, X_2] = X_3, [X_4, X_5] = X_3, [X_6, X_7] = X_3.$

To develop the operadic point of view, let us recall that an operad is a sequence  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(n), n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$  of  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_n]$ -modules, where  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_n]$  is the algebra group associated with the symmetric group  $\Sigma_n$ , with  $comp_i$ -operations (see [12]). The main example corresponds to the free operad  $\Gamma(E) = \{\Gamma(E)(n)\}$  generated by a  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_2]$ -module. An operad  $\mathcal{P}$  is called binary quadratic if there is a  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_2]$ -module  $E$  and a  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_3]$ -submodule  $R$  of  $\Gamma(E)(3)$  such that  $\mathcal{P}$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma(E)/\mathcal{R}$  where  $\mathcal{R}$  is the operadic ideal generated by  $\mathcal{R}(3) = R$ .

**Proposition 2.** *There exists a binary quadratic operad, denoted by  $2\mathcal{N}ilp$ , with the property that any  $2\mathcal{N}ilp$ -algebra is a 2-step nilpotent Lie algebra.*

In fact, we consider  $E = sgn_2$ , that is, the representation of  $\Sigma_2$  by the signature, then  $\Gamma(E)(3) = sgn_3 \oplus V_2$  where  $V_2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{K}^3, x + y + z = 0\}$ . Let  $R$  be the submodule of  $\Gamma(E)(3)$  generated by  $(x_i \cdot x_j) \cdot x_k$ ,  $i, j, k$  all different. We deduce that  $2\mathcal{N}ilp(2)$  is the  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_2]$ -module generated by  $x_1 \cdot x_2$  with the relation  $x_2 \cdot x_1 = -x_1 \cdot x_2$  and it is a 1-dimensional vector space and  $2\mathcal{N}ilp(3) = \{0\}$ .

**Proposition 3.** *The operad  $2\mathcal{N}ilp$  is Koszul.*

Recall some general definitions and results on the duality of a binary quadratic operad. The generating function of a binary quadratic operad  $\mathcal{P}$  is

$$g_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \sum_{a \geq 1} \frac{1}{a!} \dim(\mathcal{P}(a)) x^a.$$

Thus the generating function of the operad  $2\mathcal{N}ilp$  is the polynomial

$$g_{2\mathcal{N}ilp}(x) = x + \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

The dual operad  $\mathcal{P}^!$  of the operad  $\mathcal{P}$  is the quadratic operad  $\mathcal{P}^! := \Gamma(E^\vee)/(R^\perp)$ , where  $R^\perp \subset \Gamma(E^\vee)(3)$  is the annihilator of  $R \subset \Gamma(E)(3)$  in the pairing

$$(1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < (x_i \cdot x_j) \cdot x_k, (x_{i'} \cdot x_{j'}) \cdot x_{k'} > = 0, \text{ if } \{i, j, k\} \neq \{i', j', k'\}, \\ < (x_i \cdot x_j) \cdot x_k, (x_i \cdot x_j) \cdot x_k > = (-1)^{\varepsilon(\sigma)}, \\ \quad \text{with } \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ i' & j' & k' \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } \{i, j, k\} = \{i', j', k'\}, \\ < x_i \cdot (x_j \cdot x_k), x_{i'} \cdot (x_{j'} \cdot x_{k'}) > = 0, \text{ if } \{i, j, k\} \neq \{i', j', k'\}, \\ < x_i \cdot (x_j \cdot x_k), x_i \cdot (x_j \cdot x_k) > = -(-1)^{\varepsilon(\sigma)}, \\ \quad \text{with } \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ i' & j' & k' \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } (i, j, k) = (i', j', k'), \\ < (x_i \cdot x_j) \cdot x_k, x_{i'} \cdot (x_{j'} \cdot x_{k'}) > = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

and  $(R^\perp)$  is the operadic ideal generated by  $R^\perp$ . We deduce

$\dim(2\mathcal{N}ilp)^\dagger(1) = 1$ ,  $\dim(2\mathcal{N}ilp)^\dagger(2) = 1$ ,  $\dim(2\mathcal{N}ilp)^\dagger(3) = 3$ ,  $\dim(2\mathcal{N}ilp)^\dagger(4) = 15$  and more generally, if we denote by  $d_k$  the dimension of  $(2\mathcal{N}ilp)^\dagger(k)$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} d_{2k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^k C_{2k+1}^i d_i d_{2k+1-i}, \\ d_{2k} = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} C_{2k}^i d_i d_{2k-i} + \frac{1}{2} C_{2k}^k d_k^2. \end{cases}$$

In fact, the dual operad is  $\Gamma(\mathbb{1})$  the free operad generated by a commutative operation. The generating function of  $2\mathcal{N}ilp^\dagger$  is

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{d_k}{k!} x^k.$$

and the generating function  $g_{2\mathcal{N}ilp}$  of the operad  $2\mathcal{N}ilp$  satisfies the functional equation

$$g_{2\mathcal{N}ilp}(-g_{2\mathcal{N}ilp^\dagger}(-x)) = x.$$

If an operad  $\mathcal{P}$  is Koszul, then its dual  $\mathcal{P}^\dagger$  is also Koszul and the generating functions are related by the functional equation

$$g_{\mathcal{P}}(-g_{\mathcal{P}^\dagger}(-x)) = x.$$

It is known that  $\Gamma(\mathbb{1})$  is Koszul, so also  $2\mathcal{N}ilp$  and this implies the proposition.

### Remarks.

- (1) Recall that the operad satisfies the Koszul property if the corresponding free algebra is Koszul, that is, its natural or operadic homology is trivial except in degree 0. If  $\mathcal{L}_r$  is the free Lie algebra of rank  $r$  (i.e. on  $k$  (free) generators), and if  $\mathcal{C}^3(\mathcal{L}_r)$  is the third part of its descending central series, thus the free two-step nilpotent Lie algebra of rank  $r$  is  $\mathcal{N}(2, r) = \mathcal{L}_r / \mathcal{C}^3(\mathcal{L}_r)$ . If  $V_r$  is the  $r$ -dimensional vector space corresponding to the homogeneous component of degree 1 of  $\mathcal{L}_r$ , thus  $\mathcal{N}(2, r) = V_r \oplus \bigwedge^2(V_r)$ . For example, if  $r = 2$ , thus  $\mathcal{N}(2, 2)$  is a 3-dimensional Lie algebra with basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_1 \wedge e_2\}$ , where the last vector corresponds to  $[e_1, e_2]$ . If  $r = 3$ , thus  $\mathcal{N}(2, 3)$  is the 6-dimensional Lie algebra generated by  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_1 \wedge e_2, e_1 \wedge e_3, e_2 \wedge e_3\}$ . We can define an homology of  $\mathcal{N}(2, r)$  using the standard complex  $(\bigwedge^*(\mathcal{N}(2, r)), \partial_*)$  where

$$\partial_p : \bigwedge^p(\mathcal{N}(2, r)) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p-1}(\mathcal{N}(2, r))$$

is defined by

$$\partial_p(x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_p) = \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j+1} [x_i, x_j] \wedge x_1 \wedge \cdots \widehat{x_i} \cdots \widehat{x_j} \cdots \wedge x_p$$

and  $\partial_p = 0$  is  $p \leq 0$ . Let  $m_p$  be the dimension of the  $p$ th homology space  $Ker \partial_p / Im \partial_{p+1}$ . For example if  $r = 2$ ,  $\dim \mathcal{N}(2, 2) = 3$  and  $\mathcal{N}(2, 2)$  is generated by  $e_1, e_2, [e_1, e_2] = e_3$ . It is isomorphic to the Heisenberg algebra. We have  $m_0 = 1, m_1 = m_2 = 2, m_3 = 1$ . The general case was studied in [19]. The homology spaces are never trivial. For this complex, the free 2-step nilpotent Lie algebra is not Koszul. ■

- (2) As a nilpotent Lie algebra is unimodular, we have the Poincaré duality. This implies that the second cohomology space of the free 2-step nilpotent algebra of rank  $r$  is trivial and this algebra is rigid in the variety of 2-step nilpotent Lie algebra of dimension  $r(r-1)/2$ . It defines an open orbit and an algebraic component in this variety.

### Remarks

- (1) Let us consider an associative algebra  $(A, \cdot)$  where  $x \cdot y$  denotes the multiplication in  $A$ . Thus

$$[x, y] = x \cdot y - y \cdot x$$

is a Lie bracket. This Lie bracket is associative if and only if the multiplication of  $A$  satisfies

$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z - (y \cdot x) \cdot z - (z \cdot x) \cdot y + (z \cdot y) \cdot x = 0.$$

Let  $v$  be the vector of  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_3]$   $v = Id - \tau_{12} + \tau_{13} - c^2$  where  $\tau_{ij}$  is the transposition which exchanges the two elements  $i$  and  $j$  and  $c$  the 3-cycle  $(123)$ . The orbit of  $v$  with respect to the action of the group  $\Sigma_3$  generates a 2-dimensional vector space with basis  $\{v, \tau_{13} \cdot v\}$ . We deduce that these algebras can be considered as  $\mathcal{P}$ -algebras where the quadratic operad  $\mathcal{P}$  is defined by  $\mathcal{P}(2) = sgn_2$  and  $\mathcal{P}(3) = \Gamma(E)(3)/R$  with  $R$  the submodule generated by  $v((x_1x_2)x_3)$  and  $\tau_{13} \cdot v((x_1x_2)x_3)$  with  $\tau((x_1x_2)x_3) = ((x_{\tau(1)}x_{\tau(2)})x_{\tau(3)})$  for any  $\tau \in \Sigma_3$ . In particular  $\dim \mathcal{P}(3) = 4$ .

- (2) A Pre-Lie algebra is a non associative algebra defined by the identity

$$(xy)z - x(yz) = (xz)y - x(zy)$$

for all  $x, y, z$ . Assume that the Lie bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  satisfies also the Pre-Lie identity, that is,

$$[[x, y], z] - [x, [y, z]] = [[x, z], y] - [x, [z, y]].$$

Applying anticommutativity to this equation we obtain

$$[[x, y], z] + [[y, z], x] + [[z, x], y] + [[y, z], x] = 0;$$

and finally the Jacobi identity gives

$$[[y, z], x] = 0.$$

This shows that the Lie algebra is also 2-step nilpotent and the Lie bracket is an associative product.

- (3) In [6], we have defined classes of non associative algebras including in particular Pre-Lie algebras, Lie-admissible algebras and more generally algebras with a non associative defining identity admitting a symmetry with respect to a subgroup of the symmetric group  $\Sigma_3$ . These algebras have been called  $G_i$ -associative algebras where  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$  are the subgroups of  $\Sigma_3$ . More precisely, a  $G_1 = \{Id\}$ -associative algebra is an associative algebra, a  $G_2 = \{Id, \tau_{12}\}$ -associative algebra is a Vinberg algebra that is, its multiplication satisfies

$$(xy)z - x(yz) = (yx)z - y(xz),$$

a  $G_3 = \{Id, \tau_{23}\}$ -associative algebra is a Pre-Lie algebra, a  $G_4 = \{Id, \tau_{13}\}$ -associative algebra satisfies

$$(xy)z - x(yz) = (zy)x - z(yx),$$

a  $G_5 = \{Id, c, c^2\}$ -associative algebra satisfies

$$(xy)z - x(yz) + (yz)x - y(zx) + z(xy) - z(xy) = 0,$$

and a  $G_6 = \Sigma_3$ -associative algebra is a Lie-admissible algebra. While writing this paper we discover that this notion already appear in [17]. It is easy to see that if the Lie bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  satisfies the  $G_i$ -associativity for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , or 4 then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is 2-step nilpotent and the Lie bracket is an associative multiplication. The defining equations associated to the cases  $i = 5$  and 6 are always satisfied because the  $G_5$ -conditions corresponds to the Jacobi identity and a Lie algebra is, in particular, a Lie-admissible algebra.

## 2. CUBIC ASSOCIATIVE LIE MULTIPLICATION

Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$  associative algebra with binary multiplication  $xy$ . The associativity which is the quadratic relation

$$(xy)z = x(yz)$$

implies six cubic relations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((xy)z)t = (x(yz))t, \\ (x(yz))t = x((yz)t), \\ x((yz)t) = x(y(zt)), \\ x(y(zt)) = (xy)(zt), \\ (xy)(zt) = ((xy)z)t. \end{array} \right. \quad (*)$$

Recall that these relations correspond to the edges of the Stasheff pentagon.

**Definition 4.** *A binary algebra, that is, an algebra whose multiplication is given by a bilinear map, is called cubic associative if the multiplication satisfies the cubic relations (\*).*

We call these relations cubic because if we denote by  $\mu$  the multiplication, it occurs exactly three times in each term of the relations. For example, the first relation writes as

$$\mu \circ (\mu \circ (\mu \otimes Id) \otimes Id) = \mu \circ (\mu \circ (Id \otimes \mu) \otimes Id)$$

which is cubic in  $\mu$ . It is the same thing for all other relations.

If  $\mathcal{A}ss = \Gamma(E)/(R_{\mathcal{A}ss})$  is the operad for associative algebras, the relations (\*) are the generating relations of  $(R_{\mathcal{A}ss})(4)$ . But these relations are, following from the relations defining  $(R_{\mathcal{A}ss})(3) = R_{\mathcal{A}ss}$ . In Definition 4, we do not assume that the algebra is associative. It is clear that (\*) do not implies associativity. From the relations (\*) we can define a binary cubic operad  $\mathcal{A}ssCubic$ . This operad will be studied in the next paragraph.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra. The Lie bracket is cubic associative if and only if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is 3-step nilpotent.*

In fact, the first identity of (\*) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} [[[X_1, X_2], X_3], X_4] &= [[X_1, [X_2, X_3]], X_4] \\ &= -[[[X_2, X_3], X_1], X_4] \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$[[[X_1, X_2], X_3], X_4] + [[[X_2, X_3], X_1], X_4] = [[[X_3, X_1]], X_2], X_4 = 0,$$

which implies that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is 3-nilpotent. Conversely, if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is 3-nilpotent, all the relations of  $(*)$  are satisfied.

The classification of the 3-step nilpotent Lie algebra of dimension less than 7 is the following

#### Dimension 4

$$\mathfrak{n}_4^1: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3.$$

#### Dimension 5

$$\mathfrak{n}_5^3: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_5^4: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_5.$$

#### Dimension 6

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{11}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{12}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{13}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_6, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_6;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{14}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_4 - X_6, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_6;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{15}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{16}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{17}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_6^{18}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4;$$

#### Dimension 7

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{77}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_7;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{78}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_2, X_6] = X_4, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_3;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{79}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_7;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{80}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{81}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{82}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_7;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{83}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_7, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_4 + X_7;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{84}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_7, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_4;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{85}: \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_3, X_5] = X_7, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_4 + X_6, \\ [X_2, X_3] = X_4; \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{86}: [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_7, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_7;$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{87}: \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_7 + X_4, \quad [X_2, X_6] = X_4, \\ [X_2, X_5] = X_3; \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{88}: \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \quad [X_5, X_6] = X_4, \quad [X_3, X_5] = X_7, \\ [X_2, X_3] = X_4, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_6; \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{n}_7^{89} : & \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \ [X_5, X_6] = X_4, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_4, \\ [X_2, X_5] = X_7; \end{cases} \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{90} : & \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_4, \ [X_3, X_5] = X_7, \\ [X_2, X_5] = X_6; \end{cases} \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{91} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \ [X_5, X_6] = X_7; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{92} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, 6, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_4, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_7; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{93} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_7; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{94} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_4, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_7; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{95} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_7; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{96} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_7, \ [X_2, X_6] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{97} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_6] = X_4, \ [X_3, X_5] = -X_4, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_7; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{98} : & \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_6] = X_4, \ [X_3, X_5] = -X_4, \\ [X_2, X_5] = X_7, \ [X_5, X_6] = X_4; \end{cases} \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{99} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_6, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{100} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_4, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_6; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{101} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_6, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{102} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{103} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{104} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_4, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{105} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_4, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{106} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_4, \ [X_5, X_6] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{107} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_3, \ [X_6, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{108} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_6, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_6; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{109} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_6, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_6; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{110} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_6, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{111} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_6, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{112} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_3] = X_6, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{113} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_6, \ [X_5, X_6] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{114} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_7] = X_4, \ [X_5, X_6] = X_4, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_6; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{115} : & [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_2, X_5] = X_4, \ [X_5, X_7] = X_3, \ [X_6, X_7] = X_4; \\
\mathfrak{n}_7^{116} : & \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \ i = 2, 3, 5, \ [X_3, X_5] = -X_4, \ [X_2, X_6] = X_4, \\ [X_5, X_7] = -X_4; \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{117}(\alpha) : \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_7, \quad [X_2, X_7] = X_4, \\ [X_5, X_6] = X_4, \quad [X_5, X_7] = \alpha X_4; \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{118} : \begin{cases} [X_1, X_i] = X_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, 5, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_7, \quad [X_2, X_6] = X_4, \\ [X_3, X_5] = -X_4, \quad [X_5, X_7] = -\frac{1}{4}X_4; \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{n}_7^{119} : [X_1, X_2] = X_3, \quad [X_1, X_3] = X_4, \quad [X_2, X_5] = X_4, \quad [X_6, X_7] = X_4.$$

**Remarks.**

- (1) We can generalize this process to define  $(n - 1)$ -associative (binary) algebras: we consider the relations defining the  $\Sigma_n$ -module  $\mathcal{A}ss(n)$  of the quadratic operad  $\mathcal{A}ss$  and define, as above, an algebra with a multiplication which is a bilinear map  $\mu$ , satisfying a relation where  $\mu$  occurs  $n - 1$  times in each term. This algebra will be called  $(n - 1)$ -associative (binary) algebra. If the Lie bracket of a algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is also  $(n - 1)$ -associative, we prove a similar way than for the cubic associative case that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a nilpotent Lie algebra of nilindex  $n - 1$ .
- (2) There exists another notion of associativity for  $n$ -ary algebras (an  $n$ -ary algebra is a vector space with a multiplication which is an  $n$ -linear map), the total associativity. For example, a totally associative 3-ary algebra has a ternary multiplication, denoted  $xyz$ , satisfying the relation:

$$(xyz)tu = x(yzt)u = xy(ztu)$$

for any  $x, y, z, t, u$ . The corresponding operad is studied in [15], [16] and [11]. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra. We have the notion of Lie triple product given by  $[[x, y], z]$ . If we consider the vector space  $\mathfrak{g}$  provided with the 3-ary product given by the Lie triple product, then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a 3-Lie algebra ([8] or [1]). Let us suppose now that the Lie triple bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a totally associative product. This implies

$$[[[[X, Y], Z], T], U] = [[X, [[Y, Z], T]], U] = [[X, Y], [[Z, T], U]].$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} [[X, Y], [[Z, T], U]] &= -[[[Z, T], U], [X, Y]] \\ &= [X, [Y, [[Z, T], U]]] + [Y, [[[Z, T], U], X]] \\ &= [[[[Z, T], U], Y], X] - [[[[Z, T], U], X], Y] \\ &= [[Z, [[T, U], Y]], X] - [[Z, [[T, U], X]], Y]. \end{aligned}$$

We deduce

$$\begin{aligned} [[X, [[Y, Z], T]], U] &= [[Z, [[T, U], Y]], X] - [[Z, [[T, U], X]], Y] \\ &= 2^5[[X, [[Y, Z], T]], U] - 2^5[[X, [[Y, Z], U]], T] \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(2^5 - 1)[[X, [[Y, Z], T]], U] = 2^5[[X, [[Y, Z], U]], T].$$

This implies

$$[[X, [[Y, Z], T]], U] = 0 = [[[[X, Y], Z], T], U] = [[X, Y], [[Z, T], U]].$$

The Lie algebra is 4-step nilpotent.



## 3. CUBIC OPERADS

Let  $E$  be a  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_2]$ -module and  $\Gamma(E)$  the free operad generated by  $E$ . Consider a  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_4]$ -submodule  $R$  of  $\Gamma(E)(4)$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}$  the ideal of  $\Gamma(E)$  generated by  $R$ . We have

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mathcal{R}(n), n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$$

with  $\mathcal{R}(1) = \{0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(2) = \{0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(3) = \{0\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(4) = R$ .

**Definition 6.** We call cubic operad generated by  $E$  and defined by the relations  $R \subset \Gamma(E)(4)$ , the operad  $\mathcal{P}(E, R)$  given by

$$\mathcal{P}(E, R)(n) = \frac{\Gamma(E)(n)}{\mathcal{R}(n)}.$$

The operad  $\mathcal{AssCubic}$  is the cubic operad generated by  $E = \mathbb{K}[\Sigma_2]$  and the  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_4]$ -submodule of relations  $R$  generated by the vectors

$$\begin{cases} ((x_1x_2)x_3)x_4 - (x_1(x_2x_3))x_4, (x_1(x_2x_3))x_4 - x_1((x_2x_3)x_4), x_1((x_2x_3)x_4) - x_1(x_2(x_3x_4)), \\ x_1(x_2(x_3x_4)) - (x_1x_2)(x_3x_4), (x_1x_2)(x_3x_4) - ((x_1x_2)x_3)x_4. \end{cases}$$

Thus we have  $\mathcal{AssCubic}(2) = \mathbb{K}[\Sigma_2]$ ,  $\mathcal{AssCubic}(3) = \mathbb{K}[\Sigma_3]$ , and

$$\mathcal{AssCubic}(4) = \frac{\Gamma(E)(4)}{\mathcal{R}(4)}$$

is the 24-dimensional  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space generated by  $\{((x_\sigma(1)x_\sigma(2))x_\sigma(3))x_\sigma(4), \sigma \in \Sigma_4\}$ .

The operad  $3\mathcal{Nilp}$  is the cubic operad defined by  $3\mathcal{Nilp}(2) = \text{sgn}_2$ ,  $3\mathcal{Nilp}(3) = \text{sgn}_3 \oplus V_2/\text{sgn}_3$  and  $3\mathcal{Nilp}(4) = \{0\}$ .

**Proposition 7.** The cubic operad  $3\mathcal{Nilp}$  is not Koszul.

*Proof.* In fact the Koszul operads may only quadratic relations.

**Remark: The Jordan operad.** There is a cubic operad which is really interesting, it is the operad  $\mathcal{Jord}$  corresponding to Jordan algebras. Recall that a  $\mathbb{K}$ -Jordan algebra is a commutative algebra satisfying the following identity

$$x(yx^2) = (xy)x^2.$$

Since  $\mathbb{K}$  is of zero characteristic, linearizing this identity, we obtain

$$((x_2x_3)x_4)x_1 + ((x_3x_1)x_4)x_2 + ((x_1x_2)x_4)x_3 - (x_2x_3)(x_4x_1) - (x_3x_1)(x_4x_2) - (x_1x_2)(x_4x_3) = 0.$$

This relation is cubic. It is invariant by the permutations  $\tau_{12}, \tau_{13}, \tau_{23}, c, c^2$  where  $c$  is the cycle (123). Thus the  $\mathbb{K}[\Sigma_4]$ -module  $\mathcal{R}(4)$  generated by the vector

$$((x_2x_3)x_4)x_1 + ((x_3x_1)x_4)x_2 + ((x_1x_2)x_4)x_3 - (x_2x_3)(x_4x_1) - (x_3x_1)(x_4x_2) - (x_1x_2)(x_4x_3)$$

is a vector space of dimension 4. Let us consider the cubic operad  $\mathcal{Jord}$  define by

$$\mathcal{Jord}(2) = \mathbb{1}, \mathcal{Jord}(3) = \mathbb{1} \oplus V, \mathcal{Jord}(4) = \frac{\Gamma(\mathbb{1})(4)}{\mathcal{R}(4)}$$

where  $\mathbb{1}$  is the identity representation of  $\Sigma_2$ . Since  $\dim \Gamma(\mathbb{1})(4) = 15$ , thus  $\frac{\Gamma(\mathbb{1})(4)}{\mathcal{R}(4)}$  is of dimension 11.

If the Lie bracket of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is also a Jordan product, then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian. But maybe, it would be interesting to look Lie bracket satisfying the Jordan identity without the commutativity identity.

#### 4. GENERALIZED ASSOCIATIVE LIE MULTIPLICATION

Since we always find 2-step nilpotent algebras when we consider Lie bracket satisfying associative or some non associative properties, the main idea is to generalize the notion of associativity. Different ways can be considered. A multiplication  $\mu$  is associative if it satisfies

$$\mu \circ (\mu \otimes Id) - \mu \circ (Id \otimes \mu) = 0.$$

Let  $\phi$  be a bilinear mapping. We can consider that the multiplication  $\mu$  satisfies

$$\mu \circ (\phi \otimes Id) - \mu \circ (Id \otimes \phi) = 0.$$

This relation is based on the Hochschild cohomology of associative algebras. We find such a relation when we consider rigid associative multiplications with non trivial Hochschild cohomology. Such algebras exist, see the works of Mary Schaps [18] (In case of Lie algebras we have similar situations see [3, 9]). A particular case is given by considering for  $\phi$  a bilinear map of type  $\mu(f(x), y)$  where  $f$  is an endomorphism. In this paper we consider the following generalization of the notion of associativity, close to the notion of Hom-algebras introduced by the neighbor of our offices [10].

**Definition 8.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra with multiplication  $\mu$  and let  $f$  be a linear endomorphism of the vector space  $A$ . We say that  $A$  is a  $f$ -associative algebra if*

$$\mu \circ (\mu \otimes f) - \mu \circ (f \otimes \mu) = 0.$$

If we write  $\mu(x \otimes y) = xy$ , this previous identity corresponds to

$$(xy)f(z) = f(x)(yz)$$

for every  $x, y, z \in A$ . Let us consider a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that the bracket is also  $f$ -associative. If  $f = Id$ , we have seen that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is 2-step nilpotent. In the general case, the Lie bracket satisfies the relation

$$[[X, Y], f(Z)] = [f(X), [Y, Z]]$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . We deduce

$$\begin{aligned} [f(X), [Y, Z]] &= -[f(Z), [X, Y]] = [f(Y), [Z, X]] \\ &= -[f(X), [Y, Z]], \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$[f(X), [Y, Z]] = 0, \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $f$  be a linear endomorphism of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . The Lie bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is  $f$ -associative if and only if  $f$  is with values in the center of the derived subalgebra.*

**Corollary 10.** (1) *A semi-simple Lie algebra is never  $f$ -associative.*

(2) *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a 2-step nilpotent Lie algebra. Then the bracket is  $f$ -associative for any linear endomorphism  $f$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .*

Consider

$$A_{\mathfrak{g}} = \{f \in \text{End}(\mathfrak{g}), f(\mathfrak{g}) \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g})\}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathcal{C}^1(\mathfrak{g})$  is the derived subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . It is clear that if  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  belong to  $A_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , then  $f_1 \circ f_2$  also belongs to  $A_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . Thus  $A_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is an associative algebra and also a Lie algebra.

### Examples

- (1) Let us consider the 2-dimensional solvable Lie algebra whose bracket satisfies

$$[e_1, e_2] = e_2.$$

Every endomorphism belonging to  $A_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is written in a matricial form as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Lie algebra  $A_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

- (2) Let us consider the  $n$ -dimensional filiform nilpotent Lie algebra whose bracket satisfies

$$[e_1, e_i] = e_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1.$$

If  $f \in A_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , then it is written:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 & a_{2,n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n-1} & a_{3n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn-1} & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

It is an  $(n^2 - n)$ -dimensional solvable Lie algebra.

**Remark.** The notion of *Hom*-associative algebra introduced in [10] is a little be different from the notion of *f*-associativity. Recall the notion of *Hom*-associativity that we will denote by *Hom-f*-associativity since it depends on an endomorphism *f*:

Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra whose multiplication is denoted by  $xy$  and let  $f$  be a linear endomorphism of the vector space  $A$ . We say that  $A$  is a *Hom-f*-associative algebra if

$$(f(x)y)z = x(yf(z)),$$

for any  $x, y, z \in A$ .

If we denote by  $\mu$  the multiplication in  $A$ , this relation writes as:

$$\mu \circ (\mu \otimes Id) \circ (f \otimes Id_2) = \mu \circ (Id \otimes \mu) \circ (Id_2 \otimes f).$$

Thus we can show that if  $A$  is a *Hom-f*-associative algebra and  $B$  a *Hom-g*-associative algebra, thus  $A \otimes B$  with the natural tensor product is a *Hom-(f ⊗ g)*-associative algebra. Let us consider a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . If the Lie bracket is *Hom-f*-associative, thus

$$[[f(X), Y], Z] = [X, [[Y, f(Z)]]$$

or

$$[[f(X), Y], Z] = [[f(Z), Y], X].$$

We will denote by  $B_{\mathfrak{g}}$  the vector space

$$B_{\mathfrak{g}} = \{f \in \text{End}(\mathfrak{g}), [[f(X), Y], Z] = [[f(Z), Y], X], X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}\}$$

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Every endomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that the bracket is an  $\text{Hom-}f$ -associative multiplication is written in a matricial form as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (2) Let us consider the  $n$ -dimensional filiform nilpotent Lie algebra whose bracket satisfies

$$[e_1, e_i] = e_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Every endomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that the bracket is an  $\text{Hom-}f$ -associative multiplication is written in a matricial form as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{2,n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n-1} & a_{3n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn-1} & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

In fact, let  $f$  whose matrix in the basis  $\{e_i\}$  is as above. If  $i \neq 1$ ,  $[f(e_i), e_j] = 0$ . Thus only the identities  $[[f(e_1), e_j], e_k] = [[f(e_k), e_j], e_1]$  have to be verified. This is the case.

- (3) Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the simple Lie algebra  $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ . There exists no endomorphism  $f$  such that the bracket of  $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$  is  $\text{Hom-}f$ -associative.

**Proposition 11.** *Assume that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is 2-step solvable, and let  $f$  be an endomorphism of the derived subalgebra  $D(\mathfrak{g})$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra  $\text{Hom-}f$ -associative.*

For example, if  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the model filiform Lie algebra described in the previous example 2, it is  $(n-1)$ -step nilpotent but 2-step solvable. Thus any endomorphism

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{3n-1} & a_{3n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn-1} & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

provided  $\mathfrak{g}$  with a  $\text{Hom-}f$ -associative structure. The set of such matrices is a Lie algebra included in  $B_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

Assume now that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a complex simple Lie algebra. We have seen that  $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$  cannot be endowed with a  $\text{Hom-}f$ -associative structure. If the rank of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is greater than or equal to 2, we can consider two independent vectors  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  in the Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . For any  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we have

$$[[f(H_1), X], H_2] = [[f(H_2), X], H_1].$$

Thus  $[f(H_1), X] = [f(H_2), X] = 0$  for any  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ . As  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple, we deduce  $f(H_1) = f(H_2) = 0$  and  $f$  is trivial on the Cartan subalgebra. Thus

$$[[f(X), Y], H] = [[f(H), Y], X] = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . So  $[f(X), Y] = 0$  for any  $Y \in \mathfrak{g}$  and  $f(X) = 0$ . The endomorphism  $f$  is trivial on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a simple complex Lie algebra. Any linear endomorphism  $f$  which provides the Lie bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with a Hom- $f$ -associative structure is trivial.*

Thus, in this case  $B_{\mathfrak{g}} = 0$ . In the general case,  $B_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is a vector space and the composition map is not a multiplication on  $B_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . It is also not a Lie algebra. We will examine some properties of  $B_{\mathfrak{g}}$ . If  $f \in A_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , the bracket satisfies the relation

$$[[f(X), Y], Z] = [X, [[Y, f(Z)]]].$$

As the bracket is skew-symmetric, we obtain

$$[Z, [f(X), Y]] = [X, [f(Z), Y]],$$

that is,

$$ad(Z) \circ ad(f(X)) = ad(X) \circ ad(f(Z))$$

for any  $X, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $K_{\mathfrak{g}}$  be the Killing-Cartan form of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , then

$$K_{\mathfrak{g}}(f(X), Z) = K_{\mathfrak{g}}(X, f(Z))$$

and we have that  $f$  is a symmetric map for  $K_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

**Proposition 13.** *Any  $f \in B_{\mathfrak{g}}$  satisfies*

$$[[X, Y], f(Z)] + [[Y, Z], f(X)] + [[Z, X], f(Y)] = 0$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

In fact

$$\begin{aligned} [[f(X), Y], Z] &= [X, [[Y, f(Z)]]] \\ &= -[Y, [[f(Z), X]] - [f(Z), [[X, Y]]] \\ &= [[X, Y], f(Z)] + [[f(Y), X], Z] \\ &= [[X, Y], f(Z)] - [[X, Z], f(Y)] - [[Z, f(Y)], X] \\ &= [[X, Y], f(Z)] + [[Z, X], f(Y)] + [[f(X), Z], Y] \\ &= [[X, Y], f(Z)] + [[Z, X], f(Y)] - [[Z, Y], f(X)] - [[Y, f(X)], Z] \\ &= [[X, Y], f(Z)] + [[Z, X], f(Y)] + [[Y, Z], f(X)] + [[f(X), Y], Z]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $[[X, Y], f(Z)] + [[Z, X], f(Y)] + [[Y, Z], f(X)] = 0$ . We have also relations in greater degree.

**Proposition 14.** *For any  $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in B_{\mathfrak{g}}$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &[[f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3(X_1), X_2], X_3] - [[f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1(X_3), X_2], X_2] + [[f_2 \circ f_3 \circ f_1(X_3), X_1], X_2] \\ &- [[f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3(X_1), X_2], X_3] + [[f_3 \circ f_1 \circ f_2(X_2), X_3], X_1] - [[f_2 \circ f_1 \circ f_3(X_1), X_3], X_2] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X_1, X_2, X_3 \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

In fact

$$\begin{aligned}
[[f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3(X_1), X_2], X_3] &= [[f_1(X_3), X_2], f_2 \circ f_3(X_1)] \\
&= -[[X_2, \circ f_2 \circ f_3(X_1)], f_1(X_3)] - [[\circ f_2 \circ f_3(X_1), ], X_2] \\
&= [[f_2 \circ f_3(X_1), X_2], f_1(X_3)] - [[f_2(X_2), f_1(X_3)], f_3(X_1)] \\
&= -[[f_2 \circ f_1(X_3), X_2], f_3(X_1)] + [[f_1(X_3), f_2(X_2)], f_3(X_1)] \\
&= -[[X_2, f_3(X_1)], f_2 \circ f_1(X_3)] - [[f_3(X_1), f_2 \circ f_1(X_3), X_2] \\
&\quad + [[f_1(X_3), f_2(X_2)], f_3(X_1)] \\
&= [[f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1(X_3)], X_1] + [[f_2(X_2), f_3(X_1)], f_1(X_3)] \\
&\quad + [[f_1(X_3), f_2(X_2)], f_3(X_1)]
\end{aligned}$$

We deduce

$$[[f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3(X_1), X_2], X_3] - [[f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1(X_3), X_2], X_1] + [[f_3(X_1), f_1(X_3)], f_2(X_2)] = 0.$$

We have also

$$[[f_2 \circ f_3 \circ f_1(X_3), X_1], X_2] - [[f_1 \circ f_3 \circ f_2(X_2), X_1], X_3] + [[f_1(X_3), f_2(X_2)], f_3(X_1)] = 0,$$

and

$$[[f_3 \circ f_1 \circ f_2(X_2), X_3], X_1] - [[f_2 \circ f_1 \circ f_3(X_1), X_3], X_2] + [[f_2(X_2), f_3(X_1)], f_1(X_3)] = 0.$$

If we add these three relations, we obtain the result.

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